

Abstract of the Disclosure

A food labeling device for printing the current time and date or a future expiration date on adhesive labels carried on a backing strip. The labels are attached to non-refrigerated, refrigerated, and frozen foods to track freshness. The labeling device includes a housing which magnetically
5 mounts to the door of a refrigerator/freezer in which a roll of the labels carried on the backing strip. A controller within the housing tracks the time/date information. A pair of set switches are provided for allowing a user to set the time/date information. A liquid crystal display mounted to the housing displays the time/date information for the user to view. Pushing an actuator switch initiates label
10 printing by a printing head to imprint the time/date information on the labels passing thereby advanced in coordinated manner by a motor and gear arrangement connected to a platen closely adjacent the print head. The label strip passes outwardly from the housing through a label outlet slot. A battery contained within the housing powers the display, the stepping motor, and the printing head. The housing includes a pair of magnets affixed to a rear portion of the housing for magnetically
15 mounting the food labeling device to the refrigerator/freezer door.